

# KAS Connected

## Y11 GRADUATION

On Tuesday 23rd the students tutors and parents of our Y11s gathered at their computer screens for a final Callover. Emma, Head of Y10 & 11 got her guitar out for a quick rendition of 'Fish, Chips & Vinegar' before the official event began. Emma's speech touched on what makes this year group so special and you can [read it in full on our website](#).

Form tutors then took their turn in front of their webcams to share individual memories of each student before Bela and Erica gave the students perspective. Reflecting on their years at KAS, they shared many insider memories but also this lovely musing on the nature of a KAS education: "Aside from teaching me *more than enough*, education at KAS is so much more-it's about learning about yourself, your interests, working with others, learning *how* you learn and then being acknowledged and recognised for it."



The Callover finished with some reflectons from Robert before a slideshow of photos from the year group's adventures through the years. Finally Ryan got everyone ready for their close-up as we took a graduation picture. Not quite everyone was onscreen but it's a unique record of a final Callover like no other.

## POWERFUL WORDS FROM OUR MIDDLE YEARS ENGLISH STUDENTS

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George Floyd,  
Eric Garner,  
Michel Brown,  
It's a sea of these names in which we all  
drown,  
The lives we have lost to police brutality,  
Stories like these have spread the word  
nationally,  
White privilege exists the words leaving his  
lips,  
As the police pin him down saying not to  
resist,  
A knee on his neck as he draws his last  
breath,  
Screaming I can't breathe,  
And it's Trumps behaviour that makes me  
heave,  
In a world in which we want to leave,  
A world filled with social injustice,

Which is being made normal, expected,  
Leaving people shaking we can't have any  
more, innocent lives taken,  
Police brutality should not be normality in  
this,  
Cold, hard world.

America is far from idealistic,  
Not to mention the president's views are  
narcistic,  
The people we've lost are not just a statistic,  
Say their names,  
Sign a petition,  
Help extend the future we've been given,  
The lives we have lost will never be  
forgotten,  
And one day we can say,  
We've stopped them.

by Isis, Y7

### THOUGHTFUL CONCLUSIONS

Theodora in Y8 wrote a powerful essay entitled: 'How does John Steinbeck present Crooks in 'Of Mice and Men?' Crooks is a black character in novel set in 1930's America but her conclusion brings us right up to the present day.

"Although racial segregation was legal, in the 1930's, racism is still a big part of our society and the world that we live in today. With the current situation all around the world, and especially in America, it seems as though we have not moved on from how we treat people. Some of the police, the ones who are supposed to protect us, violently mistreat innocent people, especially black. This is because of white privilege and how racism is alive and engrained in all of us, whether it is from the media, biased news or anything that makes an impact on our lives. Crooks was threatened with death, but as far as we know he was not killed, unlike George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and countless others. Racism is not born but taught, and everyone needs to think deeper about the information that we are being fed. It is alright to second guess things and not trust everything that we see and our generation is the hope for a better future. We are spreading awareness about this on our social media. We are signing petitions and we are all trying to make a change. Racism is in our past and present, but I hope that it will not affect our future."

## WELCOME BACK LOWER SCHOOL

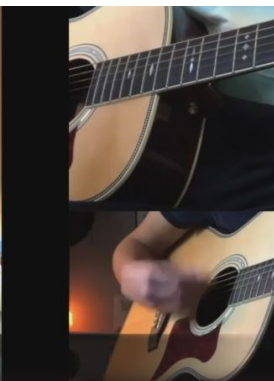
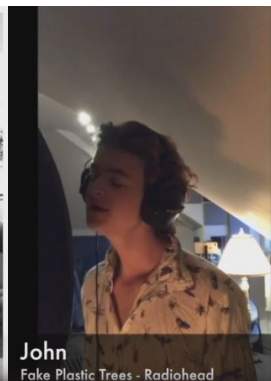
This week we welcomed back all Lower School children. A few children are still learning online, as they are unable to return, but the majority of students were back and enjoying the sunshine!



## KASCADES 2

Years 9, 10 & 11 recently took to the screen for another amazing concert co-ordinated by the Music Department.

Congratulations to Alana, Berenice, Elena, Emma, Evan, John, Liberty, Lola, Luca, Lucas, Miriam, Rose and Yulia who all performed beautifully. From classical to contemporary, the musical talent on display was phenomenal. Check your emails if you've missed it!



## ROBERT AND KAREN'S MESSAGE

With all years back in Lower School, Y10 & 12 students in for subject sessions, and Years 7,8 & 9 visiting their tutors at staggered times throughout Friday—it has felt the closest we have had to a normal week for many months.

The Government have expressed their ambition to have all students back full-time in September and this is something we absolutely welcome. We are looking forward to seeing the written guidance at some point next week, and then will get stuck into the detail of the planning.

We enjoyed an emotional final Callover with our Y11 students on Tuesday, and it's hard knowing many of our students haven't been able to return to site since March. When we wave off our Y13 cohort next week, it's in the sincere hope that many of the key milestone moments which have been missed this term can happen in September. In the meantime, we will, as always, seek to squeeze the maximum out of the last two weeks of term, and end this unusual year in the best way possible.

